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Part 1 General Provisions

63H-7a-101 Title.

- (1) This chapter is known as the "Utah Communications Authority Act."
- (2) This part is known as "General Provisions."

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63H-7a-102 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish an independent state agency and a board to administer the creation, administration, and maintenance of the Utah Communications Authority to provide a public safety communications network, facilities, and 911 emergency services on a statewide basis for the benefit and use of public agencies, and state and federal agencies.

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63H-7a-103 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Authority" means the Utah Communications Authority, an independent state agency created in Section 63H-7a-201.
- (2) "Board" means the Utah Communications Authority Board created in Section 63H-7a-203.
- (3) "Bonds" means bonds, notes, certificates, debentures, contracts, lease purchase agreements, or other evidences of indebtedness or borrowing issued or incurred by the authority pursuant to this chapter.
- (4) "FirstNet" means the First Responder Network Authority created by Congress in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.
- (5) "Lease" means any lease, lease purchase, sublease, operating, management, or similar agreement.
- (6) "Local entity" means a county, city, town, local district, special service district, or interlocal entity created under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act.
- (7) "Member" means a public agency which:
 - (a) adopts a membership resolution to be included within the authority; and
 - (b) submits an originally executed copy of an authorizing resolution to the authority's office.
- (8) "Member representative" means a person or that person's designee appointed by the governing body of each member.
- (9) "Public agency" means any political subdivision of the state, including cities, towns, counties, school districts, local districts, and special service districts, dispatched by a public safety answering point.
- (10) "Public safety answering point" or "PSAP" means an entity that:
 - (a) receives direct 911 emergency and non-emergency communications requesting a public safety service;
 - (b) has a facility with the equipment and staff necessary to receive the communication;
 - (c) assesses, classifies, and prioritizes the communication; and
 - (d) transfers the communication to the proper responding agency.
- (11) "Public safety communications network" means:

- (a) a regional or statewide public safety governmental communications network and related facilities, including real property, improvements, and equipment necessary for the acquisition, construction, and operation of the services and facilities; and
 - (b) 911 emergency services, including radio communications, connectivity, and computer aided dispatch systems.
- (12) "State" means the state of Utah.
- (13) "State representative" means the six appointees of the governor or their designees and the Utah State Treasurer or his designee.

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